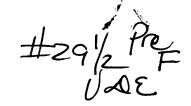
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In accordance with your request, enclosed please find a Preliminary Amendment for submission in the above-referenced patent application.

In addition, please note that we are also filing today, via first class mail, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and 5 references. Due to the size of the submission, we are forwarding these documents via first class mail. However, for your information, we are enclosing a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement transmittal and Form PTO-1449 as filed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to issuing a first Office Action in the above-referenced CPA application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the remarks below.

In the Claims:

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

(Amended) A method for manufacturing a pleated filter material from a thermally bonded non-woven fabric, comprising:

forming a single fibrous web from fully drawn and undrawn synthetic fibers;

calendering the single fibrous web in a single calendering step, wherein during the single calendering step, the undrawn fibers in the single fibrous web are bonded in a tension-free manner between profiled calender rolls to form the non-woven fabric, without inhomogeneities over the cross-section of the non-woven fabric and without the use of flat bonding, and wherein during the single